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- Unit Inds. - 315th Inf Regt - 1st Bn

Jan-Apr-45

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Unit destroyed
in action

IN	OUT	MESSAGE OR INCIDENT	ACTION
JAN 14	(Contd)	Ordered to attack and secure objective 800 yards to North. Both companies were stopped just short of objective, high ground 800 to N. Thirty-three prisoners were taken including three from 6th SS Nord Div. B Co was counterattacked on three occasions during night of Jan 14-15. During period Jan 14-15 heavy enemy arty and mortar fire fell in the Bn sector including 220 MM rockets.	
JAN 15		Prisoners from the 256 VG Div were taken by A Co. Heavy arty, mortar and S/A fire in Bn sector.	
JAN 16		Bn was relieved by Bn from the 157 Inf. Bn moved via truck to Hoffen. Left Reipertswiller at 1300 and closed in at Hoffen at 1530. Bn was ordered to attack Rittershoffen at 0600 Jan 17. Enemy arty and mortar fire in Hoffen during night of Jan 16-17.	
JAN 17		Attack of Rittershoffen started at 0600. B Co entered town and contact was lost with them. A Co was ordered to attack from North on road to Rittershoffen to relieve B Co. Tanks were to be included in attack but refused to go with A Co. A Co was unable to advance. Bn Hqs moved to Oberbetschdorf at 0900 and closed in at 1130. On night of 17 Jan A and C Cos were pulled back to position between Oberbetschdorf and Rittershoffen. All of B Co was apparently captured or destroyed except men in rear areas, i.e., DP, kitchen personnel and two runners bringing prisoners to rear.	
JAN 18-19-20		Spend in preparation of consolidating positions W of Rittershoffen and NE of Oberbetschdorf. On 20 Jan the regiment was ordered to withdraw and 1st Bn covered withdrawal of 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn from Hatten and Rittershoffen. On night of Jan 20-21, 2nd and 3rd Bns withdrew successfully and 1st Bn withdrew at 0630. Mounted trucks and departed to Batendorf closing in at 0920 on 21 Jan. Bn billeted for night in town of Batendorf.	
		During the period from 10 Jan to 20 Jan the Bn suffered the following casualties: 17 wounded in action; 5 killed in action and 99 missing in action. Battalion strength as of 20 Jan: Hq Co 9 Officers and 128 EM; A Co 5 Officers and 99 EM; B Co 1 Officer and 32 EM; C Co 5 Officers and 130 EM; D Co 7 Officers and 149 EM. Total: 27 Officers and 538 EM.	
JAN 22		Lt. Halpin from AT Co assumed command of B Co. No enemy vehicles or equipment captured during period 10-20 Jan.	
JAN 23		At 1530 Bn was ordered to move to Marienthal prepared to relieve or assist the 314th Inf or 242th Inf when needed. Moved via truck and closed in at 1900. Enemy activity negative during night of 22-23 Jan.	
0815	0816	Bigwig Red reported enemy patrol about 20 strong was repulsed last night. Some patrolling against 3rd Bn. Sound of talking and motor movement around Camp Oberhoffen. Also reported extensive patrolling around Hageneau.	S
0820	0825	Fuller White reports mortars being fired on some enemy seen mulling around by stream between Camp Oberhoffen and Kaltenhouse.	S
0830		Arty falling in East edge of Marienthal about 12 rds. Enemy activity negative except for arty during night of Jan 23-24.	